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IMAGINARY WAR

The Curious Conflict at Joe Leiter's Town

HOW IT GOT STARTED

The Stories of Shooting, Unattended by Bloodshed or Bullet Marks, Lead to the Supposition That the Combatants Are Using Blank Cartridges.

DuQuoin, Ill., Dec. 3.—After several months of labor trouble at the Leiter mines in the town of Zeigler, during which many reports of skirmishing have emanated from the rival camps, the situation at Zeigler is one of the most peculiar in the history of the recent labor disagreements. It is said by disinterested persons living near Zeigler that firing has been heard every night for several weeks at the stockade surrounding the mines, and pump house, several miles from town. After a thorough investigation, however, a staff correspondent of St. Louis newspaper declare they have not been able to find any marks of bullets either in the stockade or at the pump house.

Reports sent out from surrounding towns that the miners and strikers have been wounded have proved, upon investigation to be unfounded. From the latest authentic reports there are twenty-five strikers encamped about 4 miles from Zeigler. In the town there are about eighty miners, eighty-five millmen and forty deputy marshals, including both state and federal officers.

The trouble originated after the shafts had been sunk in the mines. Joseph Leiter more than a year ago acquired several thousand acres of coal land and before the beginning of active mining built what has been termed the "Model Town of Zeigler." He brought more than a hundred laborers and miners into the

town and the work of starting the shafts was auspiciously inaugurated. The wage agreement with the miners remained in force until the coal veins were reached and the active work of bringing the product of the mine to the surface and shipping it to market was begun. Mr. Leiter, in keeping with the plans which he had adopted when he entered the mining field, determined to have only the latest and most improved mining machinery in use at the Zeigler mine.

Among the mechanical adjuncts employed was a steam loading device, which Mr. Leiter asserted was capable of loading a stated number of tons per hour. Representatives of the miners' union examined the loading machine and differed with Mr. Leiter regarding the amount of work that could be accomplished in a given period. As the men were to be paid by piece work, this was a vital matter and upon the loading machine is said to have hinged all the trouble that has followed.

Mr. Leiter's wage proposition was rejected by the union miners. After the expiration of the time given by the union for a revision of the proposed wage scale the union men left Zeigler and formed what proved to be a union camp, four miles distance from the town.

Immediately upon the establishment of the union miners camp reports of clashes between the union men and the men employed by Leiter to take their places began to emanate from various sources. Several times during the week the union men to the mines were fired upon from ambush, but there was nothing to absolutely connect the striking miners with the occurrences.

Although generally termed "strikers" the officials of the union authorized to speak for the men declare that they are on a strike. They say that Mr. Leiter offered a wage scale to which they could not agree and so they left the mines. They also deny all knowledge of the alleged attacks on the town of Zeigler and while admitting that they have attempted to persuade the miners to leave the employ of Leiter they declare that no violence has been used.

ANOTHER ATTACK.
Zeigler, Ill., Dec. 3.—Two distinct attacks have been made on the Gordon block house situated half way between the pump and the administration building of the coal company. One attack was at 7 o'clock and the second was begun at 10:25 o'clock and at 11 o'clock tonight was still on. Firing from the outside is maintained by the soldiers with rapid firing guns.

GEN. MILES NEW JOB
He's to Be Adjutant General of Massachusetts.

Brockton, Mass., Dec. 3.—Lieutenant General Nelson A. Miles has accepted the appointment as adjutant general on the staff of Governor-elect Wm. L. Douglas. This information was given to the Associated Press tonight by Mr. Douglas personally. Mr. Douglas returned to his home in this city today after a stay of two weeks at Hot Springs, Va. The governor-elect said that the appointment had been made. The announcement of the appointment of the adjutant general of the Douglas

COSSACKS' RAID

Rennenkampf's Swift and Successful Movement

MANY GUNS CAPTURED

Heavy Artillery Firing, but an Early Clash of the Great Armies is Not Expected—An Armistice at Port Arthur for the Burial of the Dead.

Mukden, Dec. 3.—All day Friday the Russian siege guns bombarded the villages occupied by the Japanese to the east of the railroad and early this morning to the west of the railroad the Cossacks routed the Japanese south of Lidatoun and captured eight guns. This brilliant action, described by a Chinese who, dressed as a Cossack participated in the attack, is as follows: "When volunteers were called for from two infantry regiments every man stepped forward and the Cossacks in chorus were asked to be left behind when the little party was formed. The order was given to depart at 2 o'clock in the morning and all the men advanced with extreme caution and in dead silence, sometimes crawling and sometimes running. The party divided and attacked the Japanese positions from two sides. The Japanese were sound asleep and they did not even have time to raise a cry before all was over.

"Again we advanced and soon saw before us the outlines of a battery. All the Japanese were asleep except the sentries. We encircled the battery and attacked the rear. The Japanese had not expected such an audacious and sudden attack and when the Cossacks charged on a dead run, followed by the chasseurs on foot, the Japanese were badly scared and fled in confusion. The Cossacks were flushed, half dressed, from their tents, only to be received by spears and bayonets. The fight lasted only a few minutes, when the whole camp broke and fled in wild panic, leaving eight guns in our hands. We saw no losses and only one man was slightly wounded.

Crouching in the rifle pits has so hardened the men to danger that they ignore it. Peculiar war sports are becoming popular among the troops. Still Rennenkampf and the Japanese are still in pursuit of each other. They have driven them out of the villages of Intsugoudy and Dapindunigan, taking many prisoners and rifles.

THE USUAL RUSSIAN REPULSE.
Tokio, Dec. 3.—Manchurian head quarters reported Dec. 2, that the Russian infantry attacked Manchukia mountain and was immediately repulsed. On the morning of the second the Russian infantry and cavalry approached Haungti and Pintatiz and were driven off.

JAPANESE NEEDS
Tokio, Dec. 3.—Count Katsura, the premier and Baron Sobue minister of finance addressed the house of representatives this afternoon on the question of the formal presentation of the budget and other government matters. The premier in a speech highly praised the valor of the troops and the unity of the Japanese people. He was warmly cheered. Minister Sobue stated that the amount of the war budget was \$390,000,000. The minister said it would be necessary to borrow 100,000,000. Minister Sobue urged that the members of the house carefully consider the budget and assist the government in the formulation of financial plans. He stated that the energy of the people and the military strength of the nation was undiminished and that the government had all steps to preserve the national credit.

TO BURY THE DEAD
Tokio, Dec. 3.—The first armistice between the combatants at Port Arthur was declared Dec. 2, for the purpose of burying the dead. It lasted six hours.

GERMANY TURNS TO RUSSIA.
Berlin, December 3.—The conviction prevailing in the highest governmental quarters that Russia is fighting for all Europe in the present war is increasing in strength and is affecting Germany's attitude toward the belligerents so that her friendliness toward Russia and her coolness toward Japan grows, with every Russian reverse.

PART OF BALTIC FLEET.
Tangier, Dec. 3.—A Russian cruiser and two torpedo boat destroyers have arrived here.

STOESSEL'S ADMIRERS.
French Contribute Liberally for the Wounded at Port Arthur

Paris, Dec. 3.—General Stoessel's heroic defense of Port Arthur brings out enthusiastic popular subscriptions to the fund which his wife is raising in behalf of the helpless wounded of the fortress. The subscribers represent all classes, many of the nobility and hundreds of workmen and the amount already subscribed totals \$6,000.

GRIPPENBURG AT HARBIN
Harbin, Dec. 3.—Lieutenant General Grippenburg, commander of the second Manchurian army, arrived here this evening.

A ST. LOUIS FIRE
St. Louis, Dec. 3.—One fireman was burned to death and four young women severely injured by jumping from the windows, running through the flames in a fire which partially destroyed the Missouri Baptist sanitarium. Fifteen nurses and the matron had narrow escapes.

THE ARGENTINE STRIKE

A Demand for the Removal of the Labor Agitators

YEAR'S COTTON CROP.

Washington, Dec. 3.—According to the official report of the department of agriculture the total number bales of cotton produced in the year 1904-05 was 12,162,000 bales.

THE PANAMA TREATY
Closing Negotiations for Government of Canal Zone.

Washington, Dec. 3.—The report of Secretary Taft, special envoy of the United States to Panama, of his negotiations with that government has been received here. It may be stated with authority that after careful consideration the president has given his entire approval to the same and has advised Secretary Taft by cable to that effect.

APPROVED BY WASHINGTON
Panama, Dec. 3.—Approval was received from Washington this afternoon by Secretary of War Taft to conclude the agreement reached by him and the officials of the Panama government looking to the settlement of points in dispute regarding the government of the canal zone. The text of the agreement will be made public on Monday. Secretary Taft will sail for the United States next Wednesday, but will stop at Kingston, Jamaica, to look into the question of securing laborers there for the work on the canal.

A LAND THIEF WEAKENS
All the Evidence in the Oregon Case Is In.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 3.—Prolific in surprises and sensations as have been the developments in the land fraud cases none was prepared for the climax of today. By far the most important, both because of its unexpectedness and because of the moral effect it almost certainly will have on the jury, was the request of defendant Frank Wolgamot through his attorney, for leave to withdraw his plea of "not guilty" and be allowed to plead guilty to the crime of conspiracy as charged.

Judge Bellingier took the matter under advisement. Almost equally unexpected was the request on the part of the special prosecutor, Francis J. Heney, that an order of acquittal be issued in the case of Marie L. Ware, on the ground that the prosecution did not believe that she, according to the evidence, had been proven guilty of aiding the present conspiracy.

Of hardly less surprise was the announcement not more than twenty minutes after the government had completed its case, by the defense that they believed the case was ready for argument by counsel. It will probably reach the jury on Monday.

CHANGING THEIR DRINKS
The Germans Turning From Wine to Spirits.

Berlin, Dec. 3.—Six million fewer bottles of champagne were drunk in Germany during the first six months of the present fiscal year and eight million fewer cigars were smoked, as it appears from the figures which Finance Minister Von Stengel submitted to the Reichstag today. The wine and tobacco revenues show a falling off of \$75,000, while the use of spirits increased, as is evident from the \$2,500,000 addition to the revenues from distilling.

Among other curiosities the budget shows an increase of \$2,957,500 in the revenues from sugar since the Brussels sugar convention and a reduction in the revenues from the domestic sugar tax, showing lower prices of sugar and greatly increased consumption.

THE AMERICAN WAY
French Cardinal Suggests a New Religion for Church and State.

Paris, Dec. 3.—Cardinal Perraud, the foremost figure in the French hierarchy and member of the French academy has written a letter strongly approving of the American system of the independence of the church and state, and suggesting that the American system offers a basis for a re-organization of the French system when the forthcoming separation of the church and state in France is accomplished.

ODELL'S PROMISE.

Senator Platt Relies on That in Favor of Renier on Depew

PLEASED WITH U. S. MEMBER.

Paris, Dec. 3.—The appointment of Rear Admiral Davis to represent the United States on the international commission on the North Sea incident is favorably commented upon by government officials and naval officers here.

THE NEW PATTERSON TRIAL
New York, Dec. 3.—A special panel of twenty-one talesmen from among whom a jury will be chosen for the second trial of Van Patterson, charged with the murder of Caesar Young, has been summoned to appear in the supreme court Monday.

KELVIN IS PROSPEROUS
Railroad Facilities Giving That Section New Life.

L. H. Landis, general agent of the Santa Fe line here, has returned from a two days' visit to Kelvin and vicinity. He says that since his last visit there several weeks ago there has been a notable change for the better in the matter of business conditions and the town of Kelvin is prosperous and growing. Several new buildings have been erected in Kelvin, the most important one being the new store building of the Pinal County Mercantile Co.

The continued and ever increasing travel via Kelvin to Globe has resulted in the improvement of the Kelvin hotel which is now conducted by W. W. Hickey, a former resident of Phoenix. The train from Phoenix reaches Kelvin about 4 p. m. and travelers find good accommodations at the hotel for the night, those bound for Globe leaving by stage Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday mornings at 6 o'clock, and arriving in Globe in the afternoon of the same day.

The general mercantile business of the town is increasing daily, owing to new life and activity throughout the surrounding mining districts. Many claims are changing hands, prospectors are busy doing assessment work, and others are scratching the ground in search of good things. Prospective investors and mining experts are frequent visitors and altogether a change has come over the face of things since the advent of the railroad. The business of the railroad is increasing correspondingly and recently an assistant was given to the Kelvin agency as the business was too great for one man to attend to.

Friday night there was a very refreshing rain in the Florence-Kelvin country which was gratefully welcomed and more is very much desired.

TEXAS VERSUS ARIZONA
El Paso Football Team Will Play a Picked Eleven Here.

On New Year's day a football game will be played at Eastlake park, which will be the biggest event of the season in the local sporting world. The famed El Paso heavyweight on that day will meet a team composed of the best players of the high school and Indian school teams. This combine should make the strongest team that Phoenix can produce.

It is conceded by all that the Indian team rush line is almost invincible and that its great weakness was the ends and quarterback position. With no field captain and weak ends the Indians have had a disastrous season. However, in the coming contest these positions will be filled by the high school's best men. Mayers will play quarterback and he is considered one of the best men in the territory in his position. McCarthy, the line plunger and kicking fullback will hold down his old position and probably captain the team. Creach, the plucky little end who distinguished himself in the high school-normal game, will probably be in the line up.

It is certain that Doolittle, the pride of the Indian team and the best halfback in Arizona, will play his old position. Lugo will likely play the other half, while Yukuina will be shifted to the end. Both these men have played at Carlisle and will greatly strengthen the team. The rush line is as yet undetermined with the exception of Romero, the Indian fierce left guard, who can throw the normal line at will. He will play left tackle. Others who have a good show for the team from the Indian squad are Bussell, David, French, Weirick and Chimewava.

Practice will commence Monday evening at the Indian school and the squad will be coached by Lake of the Indians, and this coach, who has been so badly handicapped this season, will be given a chance to show the public what he can do with a heavy field captain to execute his plays and formations.

The Indians are negotiating for a Christmas game with Bisbee, but it has not yet been definitely arranged.

A BROKEN RAIL

A Disastrous Wreck on the Missouri Pacific

SECOND IN TWO MONTHS

One Hundred and Fifty Injured, More Than Half of Them Seriously—The Trainmen Had Disregarded Injunctions as to Speed.

Holden, Mo., Dec. 3.—Missouri Pacific passenger train No. 1, west bound from St. Louis to Kansas City, due here at four o'clock this afternoon was wrecked at the water works bridge two miles east of here resulting in the injury of about 150 passengers, 80 of whom are seriously injured.

The accident was caused by a broken rail, which projected from the track catching the first coach behind the mail car, throwing it from the track down a twenty-foot embankment and causing two other coaches, a Pullman and the diner to follow it. The broken rail was on the bridge and the rear Pullman rolled off the bridge into the creek below and the passengers inside were all seriously injured. Two old ladies imprisoned in the car were taken out at the top after holes had been made with axes. The engine, two baggage cars and the mail car passed the bridge in safety and remained on the track, but the remainder of the train was derailed.

SCENE OF FORMER WRECK.
Kansas City, Dec. 3.—A relief train which went from here to the scene of the wreck returned late tonight bringing many of the injured to the Missouri Pacific hospital and other hospitals in this city.

The wreck occurred fourteen miles west of Deer Creek, near Warrensburg, where the worst wreck in the history of the Missouri Pacific railway happened in October, when thirty persons lost their lives.

Supposition has it that orders were given the train crew at Center View to stop at the water works bridge on account of a broken rail there. It seems that the train was behind the schedule and this order was not heeded.

When the heavy passenger train, running at a high rate of speed struck this bridge striking the broken rail, which turned and projected from the ground, there was a tremendous crash and three coaches, the diner and a sleeper were hurled down an embankment twenty feet high, and the last car was thrown into a stream of water carrying the bridge with it. Sparks and cries arose from mothers thinking of their children, and men lay under the debris helpless to save their families. The scene was heartrending.

Railroad physicians were summoned to the scene at once and they worked for hours upon the wounded who were taken to nearby houses. One country home was turned into a hospital.

THE COMMERCIAL WORLD
The Stock Market Yesterday Strong but Uneven.

New York, Dec. 3.—Today's stock market was strong but the strength was uneven and a few of the more prominent stocks closed the day at fractional declines from last night's strength in the market grew out of conditions in the cotton, coal, copper and iron and steel trade. Even in the groups affected by these trades there was some profit taking in Louisville and Nashville, which closed lower after showing a lagging tendency. The bank statements, carried over last night, showed last week's gold shipments to Cuba, so that the cash decrease exceeded the estimates. But the \$11,000,000 loan contraction modified effects so as to leave a nominal increase in the surplus reserve. In view of the week's large operations, involving a heavy capital outlay, it is evident that the trust company activity in the market is making over large accounts from the banks. The total sales of bonds, \$2,040,000.

THE ANTI-CANTEEN WAR
The National W. C. T. U. Continues Its Campaign.

Philadelphia, Dec. 3.—The National W. C. T. U. today closed its annual convention after reaffirming its faith in the beneficence of the anti-canteen law and pledging itself to defend the measure against all efforts to have it repealed.

In the resolution was: "We rejoice in the position of the fifty-sixth and fifty-seventh congresses in passing the anti-canteen law and protest against the continued agitation in favor of its repeal. We also know that the wisdom of this law will be demonstrated when a fair and impartial test is made of the post exchange buildings designed by congress for the use of the men in the ranks."

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